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EDINBURGH SOCIETY,

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ENCOURAGEMENT of ARTS,
SCIENCES, MANUFACTURES,
and AGRICULTURE.

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INTRODUCTION.

TO ENCOURAGE genius, to reward industry, to cultivate the arts of peace, are objects deserving the attention of public-spirited persons.

THAT the inhabitants of *Scotland* may become diligent in labour, and excellent in arts, is the concern of all who indeed love their country.

FOR these good and useful purposes, the EDINBURGH SOCIETY was instituted. The Gentlemen of whom that Society is composed, were sensible that arts and manufactures can never be effectually promoted, unless a spirit of emulation be excited in the various artists and manufacturers; a proper distribution of premiums seemed to them the most reasonable method of exciting this spirit.

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THE experience of *Ireland* has demonstrated the usefulness of such premiums, when wisely directed, and equitably distributed.

THE SOCIETY resolved to follow a plan so happily devised and conducted in a neighbouring nation: A small sum was accordingly raised for this year, by the voluntary contribution of the members of the Society; which was appointed to be distributed in premiums to artists and manufacturers of superior merit or industry. With regard to the application of this sum, the Society resolved, That the reward of merit in the finer arts should be honorary; in the more useful arts, generally lucrative.

THE voice of the nation applauds this undertaking; many persons of distinguished judgment and authority have afforded their patronage to it; all wise men appear interested in its success.

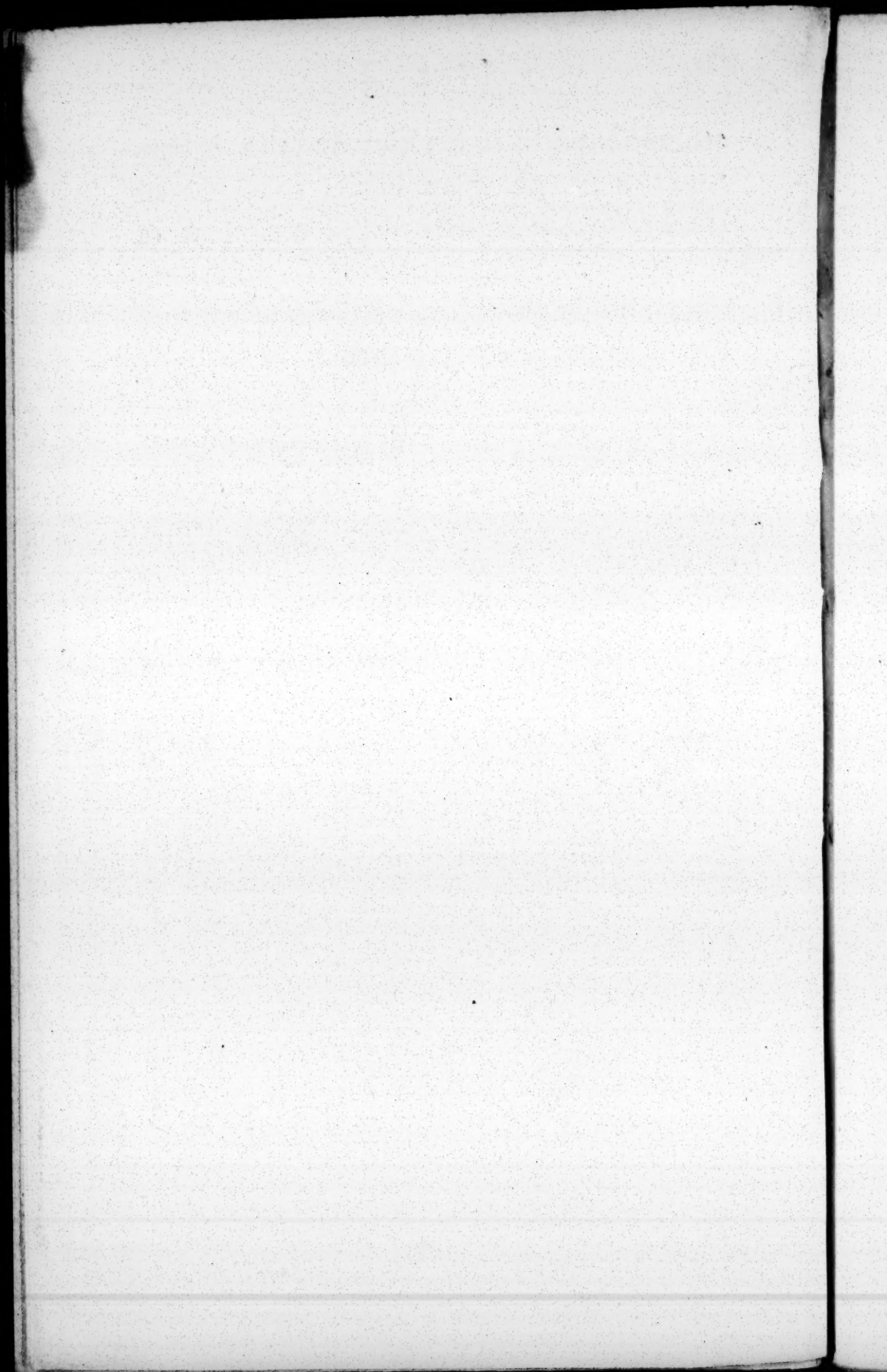
AN undertaking so new in this country, so extensive and so complicated, may be
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attended with difficulties in the execution ; a general plan of its management is therefore submitted to the judgment of the public. Experience may point out the errors in this plan, and the opinion of the public may correct them.

HOWEVER defective the plan of management may be, the intentions of the SOCIETY are unexceptionable ; no selfish considerations have diverted its thoughts from the public good ; no project of private utility has been reared on this work of national concern.

To the candid, the liberal, and the lovers of mankind, the SOCIETY makes this address ; earnestly intreats their assistance and advice, and shall always glory in their approbation.

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RULES and ORDERS

OF THE

EDINBURGH SOCIETY.

THE *EDINBURGH SOCIETY*
for encouragement of Arts, Sciences,
Manufactures, and Agriculture in
Scotland, consists of all the members of
the SELECT SOCIETY, and of such
other persons as contribute Two Guineas
yearly to the funds of the SOCIETY;
these being members thereof for every
year in which they contribute, and
have a voice in all the transactions of the
SOCIETY, and may elect or be elected
Managers or other Officers of the So-
CIETY.

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THE SOCIETY, thus constituted, meets, at their ordinary place, upon the first *Monday* of *January*, *February*, *March* and *April*, at six o' Clock in the evening; and upon the first *Wednesday* of *July*, upon first *Monday* and *Wednesday* immediately preceeding the first *Friday* of *December*, for the purposes hereafter-specified.

President. THE SOCIETY is to chuse their President on each night by majority of votes; that member present who was last in the chair, is to preside during this election.

THE President is to have the powers which commonly belong to presidents of other courts.

Ordinary Managers THE number of Ordinary Managers is to be Nine, of whom Three are to be changed at every election, unless when a greater number of the Managers of the preceeding year shall have ceased to be members of the SELECT SOCIETY, or have not contributed or subscribed Two Guineas to the funds of the ensuing year.

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THREE of these Managers, meeting at the time and place properly intimated to all of them, shall be a quorum for the transacting of business.

THEY are to chuse their President at each meeting by plurality of voices; the member, who was last in the chair, presiding until a new one be chosen.

THEIR first meeting shall be at five o' clock of the evening of that day se'night on which they were elected; the time and place is to be intimated to each, by a billet sent by the Secretary of the SOCIETY. At this meeting, they are to elect their own Secretary, and to appoint one of their number to be Keeper of one of the keys of the cash-box, and another to subscribe a specified number of receipts for contributions; after which they may proceed to other business, or adjourn, as they shall think proper.

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THEY are to manage and transact the affairs of the SOCIETY, according to its rules, and under its controul.

REGULAR minutes of their transactions are to be kept in a book by their Secretary; the minutes of each meeting are to be subscribed by the President.

THE Ordinary Managers may call a meeting of Extraordinary Managers when they think necessary; and, with their concurrence, a meeting of the SOCIETY may be called.

Extraordi- THE number of Extraordinary Managers
nary Ma- shall also be Nine, who are to be elected
nagers. annually.

BESIDES attending when called by Ordinary Managers, the Extraordinary Managers shall meet with the Ordinary, in a general court of Managers, where Five is to be a quorum, at six in the evening on the *Tuesday* immediately preceeding the first

first *Wednesday* of *July*, and on the *Tuesday* immediately preceeding the first *Friday* of *December*.

AT these general courts of Managers, a President being chosen as directed in the article of Ordinary Managers, the proceedings of the Ordinary Managers are to be revised, and remarks and proposals are to be prepared, that they may be laid before the general meeting of the SOCIETY, which is to be held on the following day.

THE meetings of the Extraordinary Managers are to be intimated to each of them by a billet sent by the Secretary of the Ordinary Managers, who is also to act as Secretary at these general courts of Managers.

THREE Judges are to be elected annually for each subject, for the premiums of which there are competitors. Judges c
prizes.

EACH Judge may bring an Assessor skilled in that subject, for the judging of which he was appointed.

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AFTER examining the subjects, affidavits or other evidences relating to them, the judgment of the majority is to be subscribed by all present, and is to be delivered to the Secretary of the Ordinary Managers the forenoon of that day se'night, on which the Judges were elected.

Treasurer. THE Treasurer is to be elected annually by the SOCIETY; and if he is not already one of the Nine Ordinary Managers, he shall be added to their number.

HE is to keep one of the keys of the cash-box, which is to be opened at the meeting of the Ordinary Managers; and for the money taken out of it, he shall grant receipt to their Secretary.

AT each meeting of the Ordinary Managers, preceeding the stated meetings of the SOCIETY, he shall lay his account of debit and credit before the Ordinary Managers; which being examined by them, shall be subscribed by him and the
President

President of the meeting, and retained by the Secretary: the ballance of this account being recorded in the minutes of that meeting, interest, at the rate of four *per cent. per annum*, shall be paid for it by the debtor.

HE is to discharge himself of the blank receipts for contributions, which had been delivered to him by the Ordinary Managers: *First*, By redelivering the receipts to the Managers. *2dly*, By debiting himself in his account with the money received for the receipts whereof he has disposed; for the ascertaining of which he shall deliver a list of the names and designations of the contributors, with the sum given annexed to each name; and this list shall be subscribed by him, to be retained by the Secretary. *3dly*, By receipts of Gentlemen, who undertake to collect contributions, for the number of blank receipts given by him to them: and they are to discharge themselves by the subscribed lists just now mentioned, to be given by the Treasurer after paying what they have
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acknowledged to have received, and re-delivering such receipts as they have not disposed of.

THE Treasurer's annual account is to be fitted by the Ordinary Managers in *January*, that the ballance may be paid at *Candlemas*.

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taries.

THE Secretaries shall attend the meetings, in order to record, under the inspection of the President, all their transactions and resolutions, and to execute the orders of the respective courts; the expence of the execution being furnished or repayed to each by the Treasurer.

THEY may employ servants when necessary; for which a reasonable allowance is to be made.

To abridge their labour, billets, receipts for money, &c. may be printed with proper blanks.

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AT each meeting of the SOCIETY, Monthly
the President is to recommend diligence in business.
procuring contributions and subscriptions
for annual payments; and the subscription-
paper and cash-box are always to be on the
table before them.

THE Presidents are to desire Gentlemen
to offer in writing any proposals which
they shall think advantageous to the
SOCIETY.

AFTER the ordinary affairs of the So-
CIETY are determined, the members are
to discourse on some subject relating to
trade, agriculture, and improvement of
arts in this country; each such subject
having been proposed at the preceeding
meeting by the President, out of a list pre-
pared by the Ordinary Managers, and ap-
proved by the SOCIETY.

ON the first *Monday* of *January*, the January.
SOCIETY is to chuse Nine Ordinary Ma-
nagers by subscribed lists given in by each
member present; in the framing of which,
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the first article of Ordinary Managers is to be remembered.

THE Treasurer is then to be elected by majority of billets.

The Ordinary Managers, at their first meeting, are to name the Keeper of the key of the cash-box, and the Subscriber of the receipts, and then are to chuse their Secretary.

IN this month, the Ordinary Managers are to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the preceeding year, and to ascertain the ballance due to him, or by him.

THEY are also to make a list of what they think proper subjects for premiums for the current year, and what premiums should be given for each.

February. ON the first *Monday of February*, the SOCIETY is to chuse the Nine Extraordinary Managers in the same manner as the Ordinary Managers were elected.

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DURING the scrutiny of this election, the Society is to consider and determine concerning the subjects and premiums, the accounts of the Treasurer, and other matters contained in the minutes of the Ordinary Managers.

THE Ordinary Managers are to receive, at *Candlemas*, the balance of the Treasurer's account of the preceeding year; which they are to deliver to the new Treasurer on receipt; or, if the Treasurer has not been changed, they are to take his receipt for the balance; which their Secretary is to preserve.

IN this month, the Ordinary Managers are to consider further the subjects and premiums which they are to propose, according to the fund then in their possession.

ON the first *Monday* of *March*, the March. Society is to determine concerning these subjects and their premiums.

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Soon after this, the Ordinary Managers shall cause these subjects and premiums, properly ranged, to be intimated to the public, by advertisements in the Newspapers: In which the Contenders for prizes are to be informed, 1st, That their papers, goods, or certificates, are to be delivered to Mr. at

before the *Monday* immediately preceeding the first *Friday* of *December*. 2^{dly}, That each of the papers and goods is to have a paper affixed to it; on the outside of which is the name or title of the subject delivered, and a motto or inscription, and, within the packet, several lines written on paper concerning whatever subject the person pleases, whereby the property of each may be ascertained.

To this list, published by the Society, the Ordinary Managers may add such subjects with premiums, as any person who gives five guineas shall please to appoint.

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IN the above advertisement, assistance by advice, contributions, and subscriptions, is to be desired.

IF money is collected in *March*, the Ordinary Managers are to prepare a new list of subjects and of prizes equal to that sum.

ON the first *Monday* of *April*, the April. Society is to determine concerning this new List proposed by the Managers.

WHAT the Society determines concerning this List, is to be published by the Ordinary Managers as the former List was.

THE general court of Managers is to meet on *Tuesday* immediately preceeding the first *Wednesday* of *July*, for the purposes mentioned in the title of Extraordinary Managers, and for proposing further premiums, if there be a fund for them. July.

ON the first *Wednesday* of this month, the Society is to determine concerning the preceeding

preceeding report ; and their resolutions concerning premiums are to be speedily thereafter published in the usual form by the Ordinary Managers.

WHAT money is received after this, is to be reserved as a fund for the subsequent year.

December. AT the meeting of the Society, on the *Monday* immediately preceeding the first *Friday* of *December*, the President is to intimate to the Society, That all its members, and others, are to account to the Treasurer for the receipts received by them from him, before the general re-election of the SELECT SOCIETY, which is to be on the subsequent *Friday*.

AT this meeting, Mr. who was named in the advertisement for receiving the subjects of premiums, shall deliver a list of those which have been received by him ; for each kind of which the Society is then to chuse three Judges, others than Ordinary Managers ; beginning

ning their election with the three Judges for that kind of subject which stood first in the advertisement, and proceeding in the election of each sett of Judges, according to the order there observed.

THE election of each sett to be by subscribed lists.

ON *Tuesday* preceeding the first *Friday* of *December*, the general court of Managers is to meet ; and, on the *Wednesday* preceeding the first *Friday* of *December*, the SOCIETY is to have a meeting: both which are for the same purposes as those in *July* ; only that no subjects for premiums are to be proposed in *December*.

ON the first *Friday* of this month the Select Society has its anniversary election.

THE Judges of prizes shall speedily fix their hours of meeting, and shall order Mr. _____ who has the custody of the subjects they are to judge of, to be informed of their times of coming to view

view and examine them, when each shall attend; and they are to give judgment that week concerning each, as was specified in the title, *Judges of prizes*.

IMMEDIATELY after these judgments are given to Mr. he shall cause an advertisement to be put into the News-papers, desiring all the contenders for prizes, or proxies for them, to call at noon on the *Wednesday* of the subsequent week, being the day of *December*, for him in and to bring with them the same lines, in the same hand-writing, as were inclosed in their dissertations or goods, or to bring their proper certificates and evidences where these are required, that they may receive back the goods, &c. with the prizes to such of them as the preference has been given by the Judges.

To this advertisement shall be subjoined an invitation to all lovers of their country to associate in the promoting of this good design.

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AT noon of this *Wednesday* one Ordinary Manager is to attend Mr.

the receiver of the goods in one chamber, to deliver back the goods, &c. which have had no premiums assigned to them, while the other Ordinary Managers, being in another chamber, with the dissertations, goods, and certificates for which premiums are decerned, shall have the gainers of them, or their proxies, introduced to them by the Secretary; and shall deliver to each his or her goods, &c. with its premium, upon the property of each being proved, by the production of the probative writing, or other proper proof. And, after the name of each gainer of a prize has been annexed, in the records of the Managers, to the article which is gained,

THE names of the subjects and their respective gainers are then to be inserted into the News-papers, Magazines, and Almanacks, unless the gainer desires his or her name to be concealed.

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IN these publications, exhortations for the assistance of the fund is to be renewed.

Advertisement of the EDINBURGH SOCIETY.

THE Society lately formed in *Edinburgh* for the Encouragement of Arts, Sciences, Manufactures, and Ariculture, in this country, are to give the premiums annexed to the following articles under the conditions here specified.

For the best discovery in Sciences ;
 For the best essay on Taste ;
 For the best dissertation on Vegetation,
 and the principles of Agriculture ;
 An honorary premium, being a gold medal, with a suitable device and inscription.

For the best printed and most correct book, of at least ten sheets ;
 Best printed cotton, or linen cloth, not under twenty-eight yards ;
 Best imitation of *English* blankets, not under six ; the blankets must be made after the *English* manner, flowered in the corners, and the size not under $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards broad by 3 yards long ;

Next

Next best ditto, not under six ;
 Best hogshhead of strong ale ;
 Best hogshhead of porter ;
 An honorary premium, being a silver medal, with a proper device and inscription.

AND the following articles are intituled to a lucrative premium, as follows, *viz.*

For the most useful invention in arts,
L. 21 ;

Best carpets as to work, pattern, and colour, *L.* 5, 5 s ;

Next best ditto, *L.* 4, 4 s ;

The quantity of Carpet-cloth to be produced by each competitor, must be no less than 48 square yards, altho' that quantity may be divided into any number of carpets not exceeding six.

Best drawings of fruits, flowers, and foliages, by boys or girls under sixteen years of age, *L.* 5, 5 s.

Second best, *L.* 3, 3 s.

Third best, *L.* 2, 2 s.

Best imitation of *Dresden* work on a pair of men's ruffles, *L.* 5, 5 s.

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Best bone-lace, not under twenty yards,
L. 5, 5s.

THE gainers of either of the two last articles, may have the money, or a gold medal, in their option.

The greatest quantity of white linen rags, L 1, 10 s.

Second ditto, L 1, 5 s.

Third ditto, L 1.

Fourth ditto, 15 s.

Fifth ditto, 10 s.

THE quantity and value of the rags to be ascertained by a declaration from the Managers of the paper-mills to whom the rags are sold. And all the other articles or samples of those that are very bulky are to be delivered to Mr. *Walter Goodall* in the Advocates Library, at any time before the first *Monday of December* next.

THAT the parcels may be distinguished, and yet the competitors names concealed till the preference is determined, each
parcel

parcel is to be marked with a motto or device, and some few lines are to be sealed up therein; the producing a copy whereof in the same hand-writing, shall be a proof of the property, when the premiums are to be distributed, and the goods restored.

No person is to receive a premium for two articles of the same kind.

THE names of the gainers of the prizes are to be published in the News-papers, Magazine, and Almanacks, unless desired to be concealed.

THE SOCIETY proposes these articles as a small specimen of their design, which is to be extended, as their fund increases, to Agriculture, Trade, and Manufactures in all their various branches; and they flatter themselves, that they shall have the concurrence of all lovers of their country in promoting it.

ADVICE and letters, free of postage,
addressed to Mr. *Patrick Duff* Clerk to the
Signet,

Signet, Secretary to the Managers of the Society, will be carefully considered. And contributions to the fund, delivered to Mr. *Adam Fairholm* Banker in *Edinburgh*, their Treasurer, will be gratefully recorded.

CONTRIBUTORS of Two Guineas in a year are members of the Society for that time.

WHOEVER contributes Five Guineas may have their money applied for the encouragement of any of the useful Arts, of Manufactures, or of Agriculture, as they shall direct.

THE EDINBURGH SOCIETY, *for improving Arts*, sensible that numerous articles of a plan so extensive may escape their observation, intreat Gentlemen, Manufacturers, Artizans, Farmers, Merchants, and all others, to inform the Managers by letters, addressed to Mr. *Patrick Duff* Clerk to the Signet, their Secretary, *First*, What new beneficial arts or business may be introduced into this country.

Secondly,

Secondly, How these begun may be improved or promoted.

Thirdly, What materials, tools, &c. are wanting to bring any of them to greater perfection.

Fourthly, What is the smallest quantity of each article which ought to be the subject of a prize.

Fifthly, In what form this quantity ought to be exhibited.

Sixthly, When is the proper time for examination of each competing subject.

ALL advice will be acceptable, and the names of such correspondents as desire to remain concealed, shall not be inserted in the Managers letter-book.

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OF THE
EDINBURGH SOCIETY.

ORDINARY MANAGERS.

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Lord DALMENIE.

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Baronet.

Sir DAVID DALRYMPLE of *Haiels*, Ad-
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Mr. WILLIAM JOHNSTON, Advocate.

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vocate.

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Duke of HAMILTON.

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the Senators of the College of
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Provost of *Edinburgh*.

Lieutenant-Colonel OUGHTON.

ANDREW PRINGLE, Esq; His Ma-
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Edinburgh Insurance.

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Secretary.



